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SUBJECT: CTP LEADER'S SIDING WITH JAUREGUI IN ORIT

DISPUTE NECESSITATES CANCELLATION OF CU GRANT

REF: STATE 182939, LIMA 6048

1. EMBASSY INFORMED BY AFL-CIO REP THAT ARTURO JAUREGUI, PERUVIAN NATIONAL WHO IS SECRETARY GENERAL OF MEXICO-BASED ORIT (INTER-AMERICAN REGIONAL WORKERS ORGANIZATION), WAS LAST WEEK REQUESTED TO RESIGN IMMEDIATELY BY LEADERS OF AFL-CIO, CANADIAN LABOR CONGRESS, MEXICAN LABOR CONFEDERATION AND ICFTU. DEMAND REPORTEDLY PROVOKED BY JAUREGUI'S ALLEGED FINANCIAL MISMANAGEMENT, AND INCLUDED STIPULATIONS THAT ORIT BE PLACED UNDER TEMPORARY SUPERVISION OF INTERVENTOR PENDING COMPLETION OUTSIDE AUDIT, FINANCIAL REORGANIZATION, AND ELECTION NEW SECRETARY GENERAL. JAUREGUI REPORTEDLY REFUSED TO RESIGN IN ABSENCE ORIT EXECUTIVE BOARD REQUEST, WHILE AFL-CIO ALLEGEDLY CONTENTS IFCTU SEC-GEN HAS AUTHORITY TO FIRE HIM.

2. JAUREGUI HAS CALLED ON HIS LIEUTENANT BASILIO GONZALES HERMOSILLO (PRESENTLY IN LIMA FOR ILO REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING) AND JULIO GRUZADO, SEC-GEN OF PERUVIAN CTP, FOR SUPPORT. CRUZADO RESPONDED

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TELEGRAPHICALLY AND BY ATTACKING AFL-CIO'S ACTION AT

SEMINAR CLOSING SEPT 21. UPON RECEIVING REPORT OF CRUZADO'S REACTION, MCLELLAN OF AFL-CIO INFORMED HIS REPRESENTATIVE, ALO PRESENTLY IN LIMA FOR ILO COMMITTEE MEETING, THAT CRUZADO AND CTP WILL NOT RECEIVE INVITATION TO AFL-CIO CONVENTION AND THAT CRUZADO WILL NOT BE WELCOME AT CONVENTION OR IN PROPOSED PROGRAM (REGELS).

3. THOUGH CRUZADO HAD EARLIER AGREED THAT HIS DEPUTY CARLOS TUDELA SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN PROGRAM AND ATTEND CONVENTION, EVEN BEFORE ORIT BLOW-UP HE HAD DECIDED HE SHOULD ATTEND IN LIEU TUDELA. HE CONFIRMED THIS TO LABATT SEPT 24, IN FULL AWARENESS THAT ANY INVITATION FROM AFL-CIO MUST BE ADDRESSED EITHER TO HIM OR TO CTP AS ORGANIZATION. SINCE AFL-CIO CONVENTION AND PROGRAM ARE ESSENTIAL AND INTEGRAL PARTS OF GRANTS, WE SEE NO ALTERNATIVE TO SUSPENDING OR CANCELLING PROPOSED GRANT FOR TUDELA UNLESS AFL-CIO CHANGES POSITION. HOWEVER, IF AFL-CIO WISHES TO PROCEED WITH INVITATION TO SECOND GRANTEE WILDER LEON IN SOME CAPACITY OTHER THAN AS OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF CTP, WE CAN CONTINUE TO SUPPORT HIS INCLUSION.

4. COMMENT: UNLESS ORIT PROBLEM RESOLVED QUICKLY, U.S. TRADE UNION RELATIONS WITH CTP, PRINCIPAL REMAINING REDOUBT OF PRO-U.S. SENTIMENT IN PERUVIAN LABOR CIRCLES, WILL BE BADLY DAMAGED. CRUZADO HAS JUST BEEN RE-ELECTED CTP SEC-GEN, UNLIKELY TO BE OVERRULED BY CTP EXECUTIVE IN ABSENCE INTERVENTION FROM HAYA DE LA TORRE OF APRA PARTY, AND UNLIKELY TO ABANDON LONG-TIME FRIEND, PATRON AND ASSOCIATE JAUREGUI AS LONG AS LATTER CONTINUES FIGHTING OUSTER. ORIT PROBLEM HAS NOT YET BEEN PICKED UP BY LOCAL PRESS, BUT IS OBVIOUS GRIST FOR ANTI-IMPERIALIST PROPAGANDA MILL.
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